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Local schools awarded grants for art and culture programs

Lansing – Five local schools and one church in the cities of Northville, Canton, Plymouth and Woodhaven were awarded grants recently by Michigan's Art and Humanities Touring Program, Sen. Bruce Patterson (R-Canton) announced today.

The Touring Program, funded by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, consists of a wide variety of cultural programs ranging from school assembly musical performances to library storytellers.

"I am pleased our local schools and churches received this much-deserved cultural funding," Patterson said. "This money will be used to educate our young children and open their minds to a diverse selection of music, theater and comedy."

St. John's Episcopal Church, along with Ridge Wood Elementary, St. Michael Christian School, Silver Springs Elementary, Winchester Elementary and Woodhaven-Brownstown School District received a combined total of \$3,311.

The Touring Program awarded a total of \$40,248 to 351 programs statewide. The grants support live presenters such as musicians, storytellers, theater companies, speakers and dancers. The programs are hosted and sponsored by community schools, libraries, museums, festivals, art councils and other non profit organizations.

For more information on applying for a grant, visit the Michigan Humanities Council Web site at www.michiganhumanities.org.

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